

# Ladder Lunacy

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The Ultimate Guide to  
How Not To Use a Ladder



Nice scaffold... nice  
place to step, also



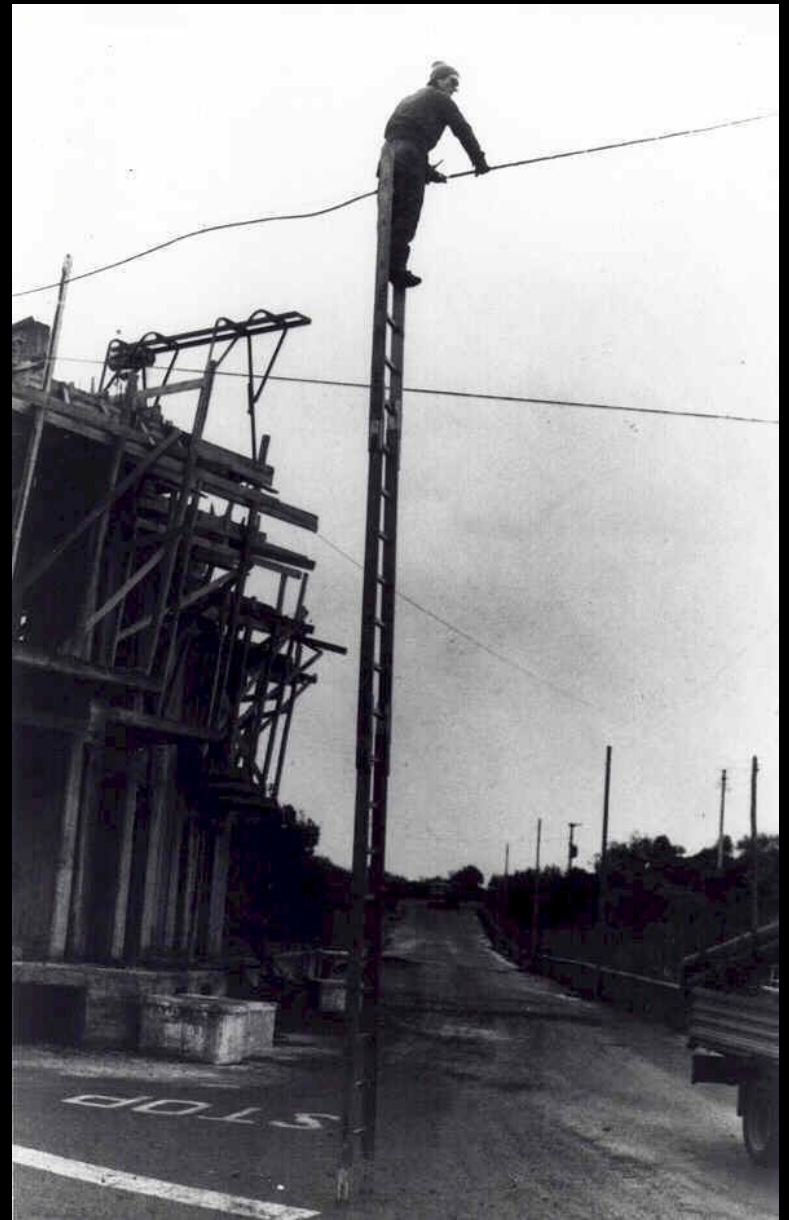
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Some reason you can't just move that ladder over a couple feet? Just curious.



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Now, all I have to do is  
figure out how to get  
down



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At least he's wearing  
his eye protection



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Round pole, straight  
rung (as if that was  
the problem)



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# The extension-ladder equivalent of free climbing

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# What acrobats do as a part-time job



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Some people sure are  
brave

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Those 2x4s offer a remarkable sense of protection



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# Now let us pray (that the ladder doesn't slip)



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And it *still* isn't quite  
tall enough, darn it



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# When two heads aren't better than one



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# On a ladder, your brakes should be the least of your worries



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“OK, that’s fixed, now climb it.”

“No, you climb it.”

“No, you climb it.”



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# Misunderstanding the “Not” in “Not-a-Step”



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# Misunderstanding the “Not” in “Not-a-Step,” Part 2



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# Seriously, here are some rules

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- Use the right kind of ladder for your task. Most homeowners need a stepladder and a straight ladder (usually an extension ladder).
- Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions on the label attached to the ladder.
- Make sure your ladder is tall (or long) enough. For stepladders, obey the "not a step" markings on the top steps and the shelf.



# Rules, part 2

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- Check your ladder for damage to the rungs, steps, hinges and braces.
- Open stepladders fully. Lock the spreaders on stepladders in place.
- Extension ladders should have "safety feet" that stabilize the ladder and keep it from slipping.



# Rules, part 3

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- Set your ladder on a solid surface and keep it level.
- When using a straight ladder, the base should be one foot away from the vertical surface for every four feet of height.
- If you're climbing onto your roof or a platform, the ladder should extend above the edge at least three feet.





# Rules, part 4

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- Never lean a ladder against an unstable surface, such as a tree limb.
- Face the ladder when climbing. Carry tools in a tool belt or a bucket that you can raise and lower with a rope from the ladder.
- Hold on with one hand while working on a ladder.
- Don't reach too far to the sides or behind you.



# The End



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